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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WT Docket No. 01-90; ET Docket No. 98-95**  
**Notification of *Ex Parte* Meeting**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am writing on behalf of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (the "Alliance") to notify you of several *ex parte* meetings that occurred on December 16, 2004 between Alliance representatives and Commission staff. Participating in the meetings on behalf of the Alliance were: William Ball, General Motors; Barbara Wendling, Daimler Chrysler; Dr. Farid Ahmed-Zaid, Ford Motor Co.; Vann Wilber, Alliance Director, Vehicle Safety & Harmonization; Tom Schaffnit, consultant to the Alliance; and David Martin and the undersigned, counsel to the Alliance. The Alliance representatives met with Barry Ohlson, Office of Commissioner Adelstein; Sheryl Wilkerson, Office of Chairman Powell; Elizabeth Andrion, Office of Commissioner Martin; Paul Margie, Office of Commissioner Copps; Jennifer Manner, Office of Commissioner Abernathy; John Muleta and Scot Stone, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; and Julius Knapp, Bruce Franca, Alan Scrimme, and Fred Thomas, Office of Engineering and Technology.<sup>1</sup>

During the meetings, the Alliance representatives reviewed the attached presentation and emphasized their support for the pending petitions for reconsideration, filed by ARINC and ITS America in the above-referenced dockets, that request the Commission to designate Channel 172 of the Dedicated Short Range Communications ("DSRC") service as a low-latency, high availability channel for critical vehicle-to-vehicle collision mitigation applications.

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<sup>1</sup> Vann Wilber did not participate in the meetings with Paul Margie or Jennifer Manner, and Barbara Wendling did not participate in the meeting with Paul Margie.

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I am filing this notice electronically in the above-referenced docket. In addition, I am sending one copy of this notice to each of the FCC representatives listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Ari Q. Fitzgerald*

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